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FOR ATHERTON FROM LEONARD

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SYRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL

1. AT YOUNG'S APRIL 29 RECEPTION FOR ARAB UN PERM REPS AND YOURSELF, I WAS STRUCK BY SYRIAN AMBASSADOR ALLAF'S REMARKS ABOUT ISRAEL IN RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENTS ON THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT ALLAF, SPEAKING IN FRONT OF HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES, SAID IN THE MOST NATURAL WAY THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY QUESTION ABOUT THE ARAB ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL AND THAT THE PROBLEM NOW IS TO OBTAIN COMPARABLE ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PALESTINIANS. THE ISRAELIS HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THE HEART OF THE CONFLICT IS PRECISELY THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE ARABS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR RIGHT TO EXIST IN THE AREA.

2. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY NOW TO ENCOURAGE SYRIA TO MAKE THIS KIND OF STATEMENT IN A PUBLIC FORUM. ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH ASSAD IN GENEVA. HE COULD SUGGEST, FOR INSTANCE, THAT LANGUAGE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY ALLAF COULD BE INCORPORATED IN A COMMUNIQUE AT THE CON-

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CLUSION OF THE TALKS OR THAT ASSAD COULD SAY SOMETHING ON THESE LINES TO THE PRESS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WHICH WE MIGHT WANT TO EXPLORE LATER ON IS THE INCLUSION OF SUCH STATEMENTS IN THE SPEECHES OF ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE 32ND UNGA.

3. THIS KIND OF PUBLIC STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY FROM ASSAD

OR ANOTHER SENIOR SYRIAN LEADER, WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING A BETTER ATMOSPHERE FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. INCIDENTALLY, MEGUID TELLS ME THAT ALLAF WAS ONE OF THE WARMEST AMONG THE NUMEROUS ARAB AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING TO EACH OTHER AS WELL AS TO US THEIR WARM APPRECIATION FOR THE NEW SPIRIT LYING BEHIND THE RECEPTION, YOUR REMARKS, AND US POLICY GENERALLY.

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